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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 124

30 January 1952

1. The following were present:

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*Prospective relief of Capt. Kirten as Navy member of the NIS Committee.

- 2. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a memorandum relating to the release of 16 recently produced NIS elements to the International Staff of SHAPE. Members were requested to review the recommendations made the rein, and to be prepared to take final action on the matter at the next meeting.
- 3. Copies of a memorandum pertaining to the question of releasing NIS Gazetteers were distributed. (Refer to paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 123). Members will submit the views of their respective agencies on this matter at the next meeting.
- A. In reference to obtaining photographs from ECA files for use in the NIS, the Vice-Chairman reported that a CIA representative had examined the contents of some of these files, and had sent samples of the type of photographs which may be obtained from this source. It was found that many of the photographs in the ECA files are of questionable intelligence value, and it appears also that many of them may already be available in Government photo libraries in this country. The Chief, Graphics Register, CIA, is, therefore, arranging to leave for Europe about 15 February 1952, for the parpose of setting up procedures for obtaining photo material from these files on a selective basis. He expects to visit London, Paris, Midrid, Rome, Geneva, Frankfort, Vienna, and Athens, and he plans to look into the possibilities of exploiting other new sources at those places. Nombers were requested to advise the Vice-Chairman of any potential sources in the countries to be visited which, in their opinion, warrant investigation.

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- (5) The Vice-Chairman asked for comments from the Army, Navy, and Air Force members with respect to exploring the possibilities of obtaining CIA fiscal support for their FY 1954 NIS progrems. The Army member reported that it had been determined that the Service Agencies would be subject to personnel ceilings and other administrative limitations placed upon them by the Department of Defense, regardless of the source of funds. He stated that the Army desired, therefore, to withdraw its request that consideration be given to extending CIA fiscal support for Army's NIS activities, since it appeared that such fiscal support would not insure a stable production staff. He said that his agency was exploring other ways and means of stabilizing their NIS production activities, but that no concrete plan had been found as yet. In view of the situation reported by the Army member no action on the fiscal support matter is contemplated by the Navy and Air Force members at this time.
- 6. Proposed NIS production schedules for FY 1953 were submitted by the State, Army, Navy, and Air Force members. The Vice-Chairman undertook to have a consolidated schedule prepared from these proposals, and to have copies of this consolidated schedule distributed to the members for further study.
- 7. The Vice-Chairman called attention to the fact that only 17 sections had been received in D/B as of 29 January, which represented only a 41% fulfillment of the production scheduled for January. He expressed concern over this low production since the revised schedule which went into effect on 1 January 1952 was supposedly in line with actual production capabilities of the Agencies. Members were requested to exert all possible effort to have production brought into line with the schedule.

The State member proposed that 2006 ATS 25 geven special treatment with respect to

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Specifically, State recommended that

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be made the subject of a supplement, at least for the sociological, political, and economic chapters. Following a brief discussion State agreed to furnish a statement setting out all facts bearing on the matter. After study by the Committee the matter will be brought up for further discussion at a later meeting.

- 9. The State member raised a question as to production credit in cases where several, or all sections of an NIS chapter are treated in a single section study because individual section treatment is not warranted. The Vice-Chairman stated that in accordance with established policy production credit for one section is given in such cases.
- The State member pointed out that there appeared to be conflicting requirements in the Outline Guides for Chapter VI (Economic) and Chapter

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VII (Scientific) with respect to treatment to be accorded fissionable materials. He said that State, as Coordinator for Chapter VI, was then reviewing the Bureau of Mines treatment of fissionable materials in section 63 for NIS 8 (Portugal), and that question had been raised as to whether or not treatment accorded this material under the Chapter VI Outline Guide was not duplicative of the treatment which will be given this material in Chapter VII. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Committee that there was no undesirable duplication in the Outline Guides for the two chapters. It was agreed that coverage of fissionable material in Chapter VI would be held to information classified no higher than "SECRET". The Vice-Chairman undertook to ascertain whether the Chapter VII Coordinator concurred in these decisions.

· 11. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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